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HIS MAJESTY'S
ROYAL CHARTER,

GRANTED

On the Eleventh Day of October 1750,

In the Twenty fourth Year of the Reign of

King GEORGE the Second,

England -
FOR INCORPORATING the SOCIETY of the

Free British Fishery,

With Power to make By-laws, &c. for the Improvement of the BRITISH WHITE HERRING FISHERIES, and better Regulation of the TRADE thereof; and for preventing FRAUDS and IMPOSITIONS in the Management of the same.

E D I N B U R G H:

Printed in the Year MDCCLI.

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DEDICATION.

May it please your Excellencies,

THIS contains His Majesty's Royal Charter, in pursuance of an Act of Parliament passed in the Twenty third Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Encouragement of the British White Herring Fishery, for incorporating Sir James Lowther, Sir Nathaniel Curzon, Sir Bouchier Wrey, Sir Walter Blacket, and Sir Cyril Wych, Baronets, and several other Persons herein particularly mentioned, by the Name of the Society of the *Free British Fishery*, to continue for the Term of Twenty one Years from the Date hereof; and the Names of the present Governor, President,

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Vice-

4 DEDICATION.

Vice-President and Council, are herein inserted; and also such Clauses, Powers, Privileges, Provisoos and Restrictions are inserted, as are usual in Grants of the like Nature, and as were directed.

By Warrant under your Excellencies Sign Manual countersigned by Richard Nevil Aldworth, Esq;



GEORGE

GEORGE the Second, by
the Grace of God, of Great
Britain, France and Ireland,
KING, Defender of the
Faith, &c.

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall
come, greeting.

WHEREAS the carrying on and Preamble.
Improvement of the British
White Herring Fisheries, are
of great Importance to these Kingdoms,
as they may be of great Advantage to
the Trade and Navigation thereof, and
may be a Means of employing and pro-
viding for great Numbers of industrious
Poor, provided the same could be car-
ried on with a sufficient Stock, under
proper Regulations, and that reasonable
Encouragement be given to such Per-
sons as are willing to carry on the said
Fisheries :

THEREFORE, for the Encouragement
of such Persons as are willing to carry
on the said Fisheries, and for the better
Regulation of the said Trade, and for
preventing Frauds and Impositions in
the

Recital of an
Act of 23d
Geo. II.

The Persons
herein named
constituted
one Body po-
litic and cor-
porate, for
the Term of
21 Years.

the Management thereof, KNOW YE that We, by virtue of our Royal Prerogative, and in pursuance of an Act of Parliament passed in the Twenty third Year of Our Reign, intituled, An Act for the Encouragement of the British White Herring Fishery, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, HAVE granted, constituted, declared, and appointed, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do grant, constitute, declare, and appoint Sir James Lowther, Sir Nathaniel Curzon, Sir Bouchier Wrey, Sir Walter Blacket, and Sir Cyrill Wich, Baronets; Sir Richard Lloyd, Knight, Edward Vernon, Esquire; William Whitaker, Stephen Theodore Janssen, and Slingsby Bethell, Esquires, Aldermen of the City of London; Lieutenant-General Roger Handasyd, Lieutenant-General Richard Onslow, Lieutenant-General James Oglethorpe, Thomas Fonnerau, Velters Cornwall, William Willy, George Dodington, William Northey, Charles Gray, William Davis, Edward Stevenson, Paul Humfrey, John Edwards, and Francis Craiesteyn, Esquires; Messieurs Neufville and Schuman, Andrew Drummond, Esquire, Captain George Steevens, Robert Crammond and Jeffery Freinsh, Esquires; Master Michael Miller of Bristol, Master Robert Macky, Master Jonathan Perrie, Master

Master Richard Baker, Master William Bowden, John Bance, Esquire, Master Peter Simond, Theodore Cock, George Dunbar, and Taylor White, Esquires; Master John Patoun, Master Samuel Clarke of the Old Jewry, Michael Wilkins Conway, John Spooner, and Arthur Beardfly, Esquires; Master Roger Hogg of Basing-hall Street, Mr William Crammond, Master Hutchinson Muir, Master Robert Scot, Master George Spence, Master Robert Cady, Richard Taunton, William Belchier, William Thornton, Francis Gwynn, Peter Delme, Jonathan Watson, Thomas Salusbury, Richard Gildart, John Hardman, Lawrence Dundas, Thomas Curtis, Michael Beecher, and Joseph Percival, Esquires; Edward Ironside, Esquire, Alderman of the City of London, and George Walker, Esquire; and all and every Person and Persons, Bodies politick and corporate; who in their own Right, or as Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, derived, or to be derived from, by, or under the original Proprietors, at any Time or Times hereafter, shall have, and be intitled to any Part, Share, or Interest of or in the Capital Sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, herein after mentioned, so long as they respectively shall have any such Part, Share or Interest therein, to be One Body politick and corporate,

By the Name of *The Society of the Free British Fishery*, and them by the Name of the Society of the Free British Fishery, We

do, for the Purposes aforesaid, really and fully, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, make, erect, create, ordain, constitute, establish and confirm, and declare, by these Presents, to be One Body corporate and politick, in Deed and in Name; and by that Name to have a Succession to continue for the Term of Twenty one Years, to commence from the Date of these Our Letters Patent; and that the said Body-politick, and their Successors,

And to have a Common Seal.

shall and may have a COMMON SEAL for the Business and Affairs of the said Society; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Society and their Successors, the same Seal from time to time, at their Will and Pleasure, to break, change, alter or make new, as to them shall seem expedient; and that they and their Successors, by the Name aforesaid, shall and may, during the Space of

And may prefer and defend any Actions whatever.

Twenty one Years, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in whatsoever Courts and Places, and before any Judges, or Justices, or Officers of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, in all and singular Actions, Pleas, Suits, Complaints, Matters and Demands, of what Kind

Kind or Quality soever they shall be, in the same Manner and Form, and as fully and amply as any of Our Subjects of this Our Realm of Great Britain, may or can, do sue, or be sued, plead, or be impleaded, answer, or be *answered* unto, defend, or be defended. AND ^{The Society} that the said Society, and their Successors shall and may have full Power and Authority to make By-laws, in the Manner herein after expressed, from time to time, for the Regulation and Government of the said Society, and for the Regulation and Management of the said Trade and Commerce, which shall be carried on by them; and for the Curing, Salting and Packing their White Herrings, in such Manner as may effectually secure the Credit of the said Commodities in Foreign Markets, and for the Government of the Servants and others employed by the said Society in the said Fishery. AND FURTHER We will, and do, by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, ordain, That there shall be from henceforth, during the Space of Twenty one Years, One of the same Society to be elected and appointed in such Manner as hereafter, in these Presents is expressed, who shall be, and be called, THE GOVERNOR of the said SOCIETY; and that there shall be also from henceforth, during the Space of Twenty ^{A Governor, President, Vice President and Council to be elected.} one

one Years, a President, and also a Vice-President, and a Council, consisting of Thirty Persons of the said Society, to be elected and appointed in such Manner and Form as hereafter in these Presents is directed, mentioned and expressed, for the managing and carrying on the Business and Affairs of the said Society. AND We do hereby make, nominate, order and constitute Our most dearly beloved Son

The first Governor.

FREDERICK, PRINCE OF WALES, to be the first and present Governor of the said Society ; and Our Trusty and Welbeloved Slingsby Bethell, Esquire, to be the

The first President.

first and present President, and Our Trusty and Welbeloved Stephen Theodore

The first Vice-President.

Janssen, Esquire, to be the First and present Vice-President, and Our Trusty and

First Council.

Welbeloved Roger Handasyd, Esquire, Lieutenant-General of Our Forces ; John Edwards, Francis Craiesteyn, Edward Vernon, Robert Bootle, George Dunbar, Velters Cornewall, George Dodington, Robert Crammond, Samuel Clarke, William Northey, George Steevens, Richard Baker, and Claude Johnrison, Esquires ; Sir Nathaniel Curzon, Baronet ; William Davis, Andrew Drummond, Michael Wilkins Conway, and Jonathan Watson, Esquires ; James Oglethorpe, Esquire, Lieutenant-General of Our Forces ; Roger Hogg and William Bowden, Esquires ; Sir Bouchier Wrey, Baronet ;
John

John Lidderdale, John Turner, Simon Rogers, Charles Raymond, John Vaughan, Francis Gwynn, and George Bowes, Esquires; to be the first and present Council of the said Society, and to continue in their respective Offices for the Space of three Years from the Date of these Our Letters Patent, and until some other fit Persons shall be duly elected into the said Offices of Governor, President, Vice-President and Council, respectively, in such Manner as is herein after mentioned and expressed. And We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, give and grant unto the said Society of the free British Fishery, and their Successors, during the Term aforesaid, full Power and Authority to hold a General Court in some convenient Place within or near our Cities of London and Westminster, and there to assemble and meet together so often as the Governor, President, Vice-President and Council of the said Society for the Time being, or any Seven or more of them, whereof the Governor, President, or Vice-President, always to be one; or as Nine other Persons qualified to vote as herein after is directed, each having One thousand Pounds in the capital Stock herein after mentioned in Writing, under their Hands, shall demand of the Governor, President, Vice-President, or

To continue
for 3 Years.

A General
Court to be
held in or
near the Ci-
ties of Lon-
don and
Westminster.

To consult and make Laws, &c. for the good of the Society; any Seven, or more of the Council, such Court to be held to treat and consult, or make and establish reasonable Laws, Orders and Rules concerning the Affairs of the said Society, or for the good Government thereof, the Time and Place of holding and keeping all which

Eight Days Notice of holding such Court to be given in the London Gazette. Courts shall, eight Days at least before the same are held and kept, be published in the London Gazette, or in such other Manner as the said Society and their Successors shall from time to time hereafter order and direct: AND We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, grant and declare that the said Governor, President, Vice-President and Council, or

The Governor, President, Vice-President and Council, &c. to be called *The Court of the Council of the said Society*; any seven or more of them, whereof the Governor, President, or Vice-President for the Time being, always to be one, shall make and be called the Court of the Council of the said Society; and that it shall and may be lawful for the said Court of the Council or the major Part of them then present, from time to time, to chuse and appoint proper Officers and Servants for the Service of the said Society, and to appoint and allow their respective Fees, or Salaries, and to increase or diminish, or otherwise alter the same, and to remove and displace them, and every of them, when and so often as they, or the major Part of them then present shall think

Who are to appoint proper Officers, and their Salaries, Part of them then present, from time to time, to chuse and appoint proper Officers and Servants for the Service of the said Society, and to appoint and allow their respective Fees, or Salaries, and to increase or diminish, or otherwise alter the same, and to remove and displace them, and every of them, when and so often as they, or the major Part of them then present shall think

and may remove them as often as they think fit; think

think fit; and to order, direct, manage and transact all, all and every the Affairs and Things of or belonging to the said Society; *Except* such Matters which ought to be ordered and done only in and by a General Court of the said Society, and shall and may from time to time appoint Committees for the better Management of their Affairs, and constitute, ordain and make By-laws, from time to time, for the Regulation and Government of the said Society, and for the Regulation and Management of the Trade and Commerce which shall be carried on by them, and for the curing, sorting and packing their White Herrings, in such Manner as effectually to secure the Credit of the said Commodities, in Foreign Markets, and for the Government of the Servants and others employed by the said Society in the said Fishery. And the said By-laws, or any of them, to alter and annul, as the said Court of the Council of the said Society, or the major Part of them then present shall see requisite, and by such By-laws to sett, impose and inflict reasonable Pains and Penalties upon any Offender or Offenders who shall transgress, break, or violate the said By-laws, so made as aforesaid, and to mitigate the same as they, or the major Part of them then present shall find Cause; which

And appoint
Committees,
and make By-
laws, &c.

May alter and
annul any By-
laws,

and inflict rea-
sonable Pains
and Penalties
upon Offend-
ers against the
same.

which said Pains and Penalties shall, and may be levied, sued for, taken, retained and recovered by the said Society and their Successors, for and during the said Space of Twenty one Years, or by their Officers and Servants from time to time to be appointed for that Purpose, by Action of Debt, or by any other lawful Ways or Means, to the Use and Behoof of the said Society and their Successors: ALL and

Penalties to be recovered by Action of Debt.
All By-laws to be duly observed, made reasonable, and agreeable to the Statutes of this Realm.

singular which By-laws, so as aforesaid, to be made WE WILL, shall be duly observed and kept, under the Pains and Penalties therein to be contained; So ALWAYS as the said By-laws, Pains and Penalties from time to time to be made and imposed be reasonable, and not contrary or repugnant to the Laws or Statutes of this Our Realm; and that such By-laws, Pains and Penalties from time to time to be made and imposed, and any Repeal or Alteration thereof, or of any of them be likewise agreed to, established and confirmed by the General Court of the said Society, to be held and kept next after the same shall be respectively made. AND FURTHER WE have given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do give and

The Society grant unto the said Society, and their Successors, full Power and Authority, from time to time, during the said Term of Twenty one Years, to chuse and elect

impowered to elect yearly, on Nov. 5. after the Term of 3 Years,

elect yearly on the Fifth Day of November, which shall next happen after the Expiration of the Term of three Years from the Date of these Our Letters Patent, or within thirty Days after, a Governor, President, and Vice-President, and a Council consisting of Thirty Persons out of and from the Members of the said Society, Eight of which Council shall be out of, and from the Members of the said Society, not being of the Council within the preceeding Year, and the Residue of the said Council from and among the then last preceeding Council of the said Society by the Plurality of Votes, of all such Members qualified to vote as herein after is directed; Fifteen Days Notice at least being given in the London Gazette, or in such other publick Manner as the said Society and their Successors, shall from time to time hereafter order and appoint, by the Governor, President or Vice-President for the Time being, of the Time and Place of such Election; which said Governor, President, Vice-President, and Council so chosen and elected, shall continue in their respective Offices until the Fifth Day of November next following his or their Election or Elections, and from that Time until some other fit Person or Persons shall be duly elected in their stead.

a Governor,
&c. and a
Council con-
sisting of 30
Persons.

15 Days No-
tice of such
Election to be
given in the
London Ga-
zette.

stead. AND WE do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, declare Our WILL and Pleasure to be, that the Governor, President, or Vice-President of the said Society for the Time being, do and shall yearly, and every Year, during the Remainder of the said Term of Twenty one Years, call and hold a General Court on the said Fifth Day of November, or within thirty Days after as aforesaid, for and in order to such Election or Elections; and shall give Fifteen Days Notice in the London Gazette, or in such other publick Manner as the said Governor, President, or Vice-President and Council, and their Successors, by Order of any General Court, shall from time to time hereafter order and direct of the Time and Place of such Election or Elections; and from time to time as often as there shall be Default of such Notice, that Ten or more of the said Society (qualified to vote as herein after is mentioned) shall or may assemble themselves together upon the Fourteenth Day after the said Fifth Day of November, unless the same shall happen to be on a Sunday: And in such Case, such Ten or more of the said Society shall or may assemble themselves together the next Day following such Fourteenth Day after the said Fifth Day

*The Govern-
ors, &c. to
hold a General
Court yearly
on Nov. 5. gi-
ving 15 Days
Notice in the
London Gazette;*

*and in default
of such Notice,
Ten or more
of the said So-
ciety may meet
on the 14th
Day of Nov.
following, and
order a Gene-
ral Court to be
held within 15
Days after
such meeting,
15 Days No-
tice being gi-
ven in the
London Gazette.*

of

of November ; and such Ten or more of the said Society being so assembled, or the *Major Part* of them, such Major Part not being fewer than Seven, may order and direct a General Court of the said Society to be held within Fifteen Days after such Meeting, fourteen Days Notice at least of holding such General Court being first given in the London Gazette, or in such other publick Manner as aforesaid, of the Hour and Place of holding such General Court ; and then and there by the Majority of Voices, shall or may make such Election or Elections as aforesaid. AND WE do hereby also for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, grant and ordain, that every *such Member* who hath or shall have in his or her own Right, the Sum of Three hundred Pounds in the said joint Stock of the said Society, shall have in every General Court of the said Society one Vote : And every Person who shall in his or her own Right be possessed of One thousand Pounds in the said joint Stock of the said Society, shall have two Votes : And that every Person who shall have Two thousand Pounds in the said joint Stock in his or her own Right, shall have three Votes : and that every Person who shall be possessed of the Sum of Three thousand Pounds in his or

What Number
of Votes each
Member shall
have in pro-
portion to his
Stock.

her own Right, shall have four Votes in every General Court of the said Society : and that the said Society shall have Power to hold General Courts in like Manner, from time to time, for and during the said Term herein before granted, on the Death, Resignation, Removal, or any other Vacancy, of the Governor, President, Vice-President; or any of the Council of the said Society, for electing other fit Persons in their Rooms, who shall continue in their respective Offices, until the next General Election. AND WE do hereby, for Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, ordain and appoint, that the First General Court for the said Society, shall be held within the Space of Thirty Days next after the Date of these Our Letters Patent : And whensoever there shall happen to be an Equality of Votes, the Governor, and in his Absence the President, and in his Absence the Vice-President for the Time being, shall have the casting Vote. PROVIDED also, and We do by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, will, ordain and appoint that no Person shall be capable of being elected a President of the said Society hereby established, who shall not at the Time of such Election, have in his own Name, and in his own Right, for his own Use, and not in Trust

On the Death,
 &c. of the Go-
 vernor, &c.
 others to be
 elected in their
 Room;

Time of hold-
 ing the First
 General Court

Qualification
 of the Presi-
 dent, Vice-
 President, and
 Members of
 the Society.

Trust for any others, the Sum of Three thousand Pounds or more in the joint Stock, to be raised in pursuance of this Our Charter, as is herein after mentioned. And that no Person shall be capable of being chosen a Vice-President of the same Society, who shall not at the Time of such Election, have in his own Name, and in his own Right, for his own Use, and not in Trust for any others, the Sum of Two thousand Pounds or more in such joint Stock of the said Society: And that no Person shall be capable of being elected to be a Member of the Council of the said Society, who shall not at the Time of such Election, have in his own Name, and in his own Right, and for his own Use, and not in Trust for any others, the Sum of One thousand Pounds or more in the said joint Stock. AND WE do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, give and grant unto the said Society hereby established, and their Successors, full Power and Authority, by a voluntary Subscription of their Members and others, to raise a joint Stock not exceeding the Sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain without Licence from Us, Our Heirs and Successors, under Our or Their Sign Manuel or Signet, first had and obtained

The Society
impowered to
raise a joint
Stock of
500,000 l. for
effecting the
Purposes of
this Act.

in that Behalf, to be applied for the carrying on and effecting the Purposes of this Charter : And the same joint Stock to order, manage, and conduct from time to time for the Purposes aforesaid : And to receive the Benefit and Advantage of the same to the Use of the said Society and their Successors, according to such Shares or Proportions as they, or any of them shall have therein. PRO-

No Dividend to be made but by Order of a General Court

VIDED NEVERTHELESS, that no Dividend of the Profits of the said Society shall be made, but by Order of a General Court of the said Society : And

All Persons subscribing to the said joint Stock of 500,000l. to become a Member of the said Society, &c.
(Exception)

all and every Person and Persons so subscribing and contributing any Sum or Sums of Money to the said joint Stock of Five hundred thousand Pounds, except such who shall subscribe under the Name of the Fishing Chamber of any City, Town or Port, shall, by virtue of such Subscription, become a Member or Members of the said Society, and shall be intitled to a Share or Shares in such joint Stock, in proportion to their respective Subscription or Subscriptions, such Person or Persons paying such Parts of their said Subscriptions in such Manner, and at such Times as shall be directed by the Council of the said Society, in pursuance of the Powers vested in them by the said Act of Parliament. AND also by these Our Letters Patent, and

they,

they, and all Persons who shall be intitled to such Share, shall be and are hereby enabled to sell, assign, and transfer the same, or any Part thereof, to any Person or Persons by Transfer in the Books of the said Society, in such Manner as herein after is directed; and the Person or Persons to whom such Assignment or Transfer shall be made, shall, by virtue thereof, become Members of the said Society. PROVIDED ALSO, That no Transfer shall be made of any of the said Stock or Share of, or in the said Five hundred thousand Pounds within *the Space* of Five Years from the Date of this Our Present Charter, and all Transfers made within the said Time, shall be absolutely void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, excepting only, That it shall and may be lawful for the Executors and Administrators of any Person or Persons, who shall happen to die possessed of, or interested in any such Stock, or Share of, or in the said Five hundred thousand Pounds; and also for the Assignees under any Commission of Bankrupts to transfer such Stock or Shares, and dispose of the Produce thereof within the said Space of Five Years, in such Manner as they might after the Expiration thereof, or if the said Five Years were expired.

PROVIDED

All Persons intitled to any Shares in the said Society, may transfer the same.

No Transfer to be made within 5 Years from the Date of this Charter, excepting the Executors, &c. of any Person dying, &c.

Method of
transferring
the Stock.

PROVIDED ALSO, And for the ascertaining and limiting how and in what Manner the said joint Stock shall and may be transferred and alienated by such Person and Persons as shall from time to time have any Interest or Share in the same. WE do hereby direct and appoint, that there shall be forthwith provided and constantly kept in the publick Office or Offices of the said Society, a Book or Books, wherein all Transfers shall be entered. AND WE do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, order, direct, limit and appoint, that from the Date of these Our Letters Patent, the Method and Manner of making all Transfers of the said joint Stock, or any Part thereof, shall be by an Entry in such Book or Books to be kept as aforesaid, signed by the Parties so transferring in the Words, or to the Effect following, (to wit), I A. B. this Day
of in the Year of our Lord
do transfer

being my Interest or Share (or as the Case may be) Part of my Interest or Share in the joint Stock of the Society of the FREE BRITISH FISHERY, and all Benefit arising thereby unto (C.D.) his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, Witness my Hand, A. B. or in case the Party transferring be not personally present, then, by an Entry in the said Book
or

or Books, signed by some Person there-
unto lawfully authorised by Letter of
Attorney, or Writing under Hand and
Seal, attested by two or more Witnesses,
in the Words, or to the Effect following,
(to wit), I A. B. this Day
of in the Year

do in the Name, and on the Behalf of
transfer

being the Interest or Share (or as the
Case may be), Part of the Interest or
Share of the said

in the joint Stock of the FREE BRITISH
FISHERY, and all Benefit arising there-
by unto his

Executors, Administrators and Assigns,
Witness my Hand Under

which Transfer the Person or Persons,
Bodies politick or corporate, to whom
such Transfers shall be made, or some
other Person by him or them lawfully
authorised thereunto, shall sign his or
their Name or Names, attesting that he
or they do freely and voluntarily, accept
of the same, and that the Entry signed
as aforesaid, and no other Way or Me-
thod shall be the Manner and Method
used in the passing, assigning or trans-
ferring the Interest or Share in the said
joint Stock. And every such Transfer
shall be good and valid, and convey the
Estate and Interest of the Party assigning
of and in the Stock so transferred to
the

the Assignee or Assignies thereof. PROVIDED always, that no Executor or Administrator shall transfer the Share or Interest of the Testator or Intestate, or be intitled to receive any Dividend until an Entry or Memorandum of the Probate of such Will, or the Letters of Administration be made in the Book or Books to be kept by, or by Order of the said Society for that Purpose. AND of Our more abundant Grace and Favour, We do hereby declare Our Pleasure to be, that the Council of the said Society, or the major Part of such of them as shall be assembled together, being no less than Seven in Number, whereof the Governor, President, or Vice-President, to be one, shall have Power and Authority to make Calls, and direct the Payments of any Part of the said Sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, which any Person or Persons shall subscribe towards carrying on the said Undertaking at such Times as the said Society, or the major Part of such of them as shall be assembled together in Manner aforesaid, shall direct and appoint, so as the first Payment directed to be made, shall be made within the Space of Thirty Days from the Time of such Subscription, and be after the Rate of Ten Pounds by the Hundred of the whole Sum subscribed, and so as the second Payment be after the Rate of Ten Pounds by the

No Executor, &c. to transfer any Share, &c. until an Entry of the Probate of the Testator's Will be made in the Society's Books.

The Council of the said Society empowered to make Calls, and direct the Payment of any Part of the said 500,000l. after the Rate of 10l. per cent.

the

the Hundred of the Sums subscribed:
 And that the other Payments be pursuant
 to the Directions of a General Court of
 the said Society, which shall be for that
 Purpose assembled, or a Majority of
 them. AND in case any Person or Per-
 sons shall refuse or neglect to pay any
 Money which shall be so called for by the
 said Society, at the Times when the same
 shall be appointed to be paid, Notice of
 such Call being given in the London
 Gazette by the said Society, at least
 Thirty Days before the Day appointed
 for such Payment, it shall be lawful for
 the said Society to sell, dispose of, and
 transfer so much of the Share or Stock
 of the Person or Persons so neglecting or
 refusing, as shall produce the Sum which
 such Person or Persons ought to have
 paid on such Call. PROVIDED that all
 such Money which shall be so subscribed
 and directed to be paid, shall be paid in
 to the Bank of England, on account of
 the said Society. AND WHEREAS it is by
 the said Act provided, that the Fishing
 Chambers therein mentioned, which shall
 so trade or fish on their own account,
 shall not have any Profit or Loss arising
 from the Trade of the said Society, Our
 Will is, that no Person or Persons who
 is, are, or shall be Adventurers or Sub-
 scribers in such Chambers, or in any fo-
 reign Fisheries, shall be capable of being
 elected President, Vice-President, or

In case of Re-
 fusal or Neg-
 lect, 30 Days
 Notice being
 given in the
London Gazette
 the said Socie-
 ty may sell so
 much of the
 Stock of such
 Person, as will
 make good the
 Sum unpaid
 upon such Call

The Subscri-
 ption-money
 to be paid in
 to the Bank
 of England.

No Persons
 who are Sub-
 scribers in the
Fishing Cham-
bers, &c. to be
 elected Presi-
 dent, &c. of
 the said Soci-
 ety.

Member of the Council of the said So-
 ciety. PROVIDED always, and for the
 effectual preventing the said Corporation
 of the Society of the Free British Fishery
 hereby erected, from intermeddling or
 interfering with the Business or the Affairs
 of the Corporation of the Governor and
 Company of the Bank of England, or of
 the Corporation of the Governor and
 Company of the Bank of Scotland, or of
 the Corporation of the Royal Bank of
 Scotland, and from dealing in any Trade
 or Merchandize, Our WILL and Pleasure
 is, AND We do hereby direct and com-
 mand, that the said Society hereby esta-
 blished, shall not at any Time hereafter,
 discount or deal in Bills of Exchange, or
 Inland Bills or Notes; nor shall receive
 Monies or keep the Accounts or Cash
 of any Person or Persons (other than their
 own proper Money, Accounts and Cash,
 being the real Produce of their joint Stock
 or Fund, or such Monies as shall be paid
 to them for the Purposes herein menti-
 oned; nor shall deal in Banking, or any
 ways use the Banking Trade or Business;
 nor shall, upon their Common Seal, nor
 by their Cashiers, Officers or Servants, or
 any other Person on their Behalf, give or
 issue out any Bills or Notes payable upon
 Demand for the Loan of Money, with
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nor use the
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shall, by way of Trade or Merchandize, nor deal in directly or indirectly, buy or sell, or deal any Goods, or in any Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, or Wares, &c. other than the any Bullion, Gold, Silver, Mineral, Metal or Ore, other than, and except such Produce of the said Fishery; as shall be *the Produce of the Fishery, which* shall belong to the said Society. AND in case the said Society hereby established, do or shall at any Time hereafter, discount, or deal in Bills of Exchange, or Inland Bills or Notes, or shall receive the Monies, or keep the Accounts or Cash of any Person, other than their own proper Money, Account and Cash, being the real Produce of their Fund, or such Monies, as shall be paid to them as aforesaid) or shall deal in Banking or any ways use the Banking Trade or Business, or shall either upon their Common Seal, or by their Cashiers, Officers or Servants, or any other on their Behalf, give, or issue out any Bills or Notes payable on Demand for the Loan of Money, with or without Interest, or shall advance or lend any Money at Interest upon any Account or Pretence whatsoever; or shall, by way of Trade or Merchandize, directly or indirectly, buy or sell, or deal in any Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, or any Bullion, Gold, Silver, Mineral, Metal or Ore (except as before is excepted) that then, and in any of the said Cases Our WILL and Pleasure

On Penalty of is, AND WE do hereby reserve to Our-
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 having this Charter revo- Power and absolute Authority, by Our
 ked by Order of the Privy or Their Order, in Our or Their Privy
 Council.

Council, at any Time after Three
 Months Notice to the said Society to de-
 termine this Our present Charter, and the
 Corporation hereby made, created or
 erected, and from Three Months after
 such Order of Council made in any of
 the said Cases, this Our present Charter
 and the Corporation hereby made, shall
 cease, determine, and be utterly null
 and void to all Intents and Purposes

The Society whatsoever. AND in case the said Cor-
 not observing the Restricti- poration hereby established, shall con-
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 mentioned, or tioned offend in any Matter aforesaid,
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 exceeding the dred Pounds, within the Compass of
 Sum of 500 l. any One Year to be reckoned from
 in any one Lady-Day yearly, that then the Attor-
 Year, the At- ney-General of Us, Our Heirs and Suc-
 torney General cessors, for the Time being, and the Ad-
 and Advocate vocate of Us, Our Heirs and Succes-
 of Scotland to sors in Scotland for the Time being,
 prosecute the shall, and are hereby severally autho-
 said Offences; rized and directed, by virtue of these
 Presents, without any further Warrant
 or Order from Us, Our Heirs and Suc-
 cessors, at the Request of the Governor
 and Company of the Bank of England, or
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of the Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland, or of the Royal Bank of Scotland, by Information or otherwise, as the Law shall allow of, to prosecute the said Corporation hereby established, for such Offence and Breach of any of the Restrictions aforesaid, and for the Attorney-General of Us, Our Heirs and Successors for the Time being, to proceed against the said Society, *by Scire Facias*, or otherwise, in order to procure these Our Letters Patent, and the Corporation hereby created, by Judgment thereon to be determined and made void. PROVIDED LIKEWISE, NEVERTHELESS, and these Our Letters Patent are upon this express Condition: That the said Corporation hereby established, or their Successors, shall not by themselves, or their Agents or Servants, commit, or do, or procure or permit to be committed or done, any Act, Matter or Thing whatsoever not authorized by these Presents, which shall be contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of a certain Act of Parliament made in the sixth Year of the Reign of our late Royal Father King George the First of Glorious Memory, intituled, [AN ACT for the better securing certain Powers and Privileges intended to be granted by His Majesty by two Charters for Assurance of Ships and

and the Attorney-General to proceed against the said Society by *Scire Facias*, &c. in order to procure the making void this Charter.

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All Admirals and Judges, &c. to be aiding and assisting to the said Society in all Matters relating to the said Charter.

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By Writ of Privy Seal,

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SLINGSBY BETHELL, Esquire, President;
STEPHEN THEODORE JANSSEN, Esq; Vice-President;

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